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Employment Opportunity CWS Community Engagement Coordinator Term Position with possibly for Extension Thompson and/or Winnipeg Office

Manitoba Keewatinowi Okimakanak Inc. (MKO) is seeking a highly motivated individual to provide technical support, guidance and oversee activities related to First Nation child welfare reform. The successful incumbent will support the MKO Child Welfare Secretariat in developing a First Nation child and family governance structure and work plan to assist in coordinating a team to carry out the work plan towards the development and implementation of First Nation family laws, policies and standards specific to MKO First Nation communities. Child Welfare Community Engagement Coordinator will report and work under the direction of MKO Child Welfare Secretariat Director.

Duties include:

- Provide support and guidance in the program development of First Nation community governance decision making and frameworks.
- To follow an engagement strategy with MKO First Nations about traditional child and family codes, and laws related to First Nation child welfare best practices.
- Compile information on First Nation jurisdiction and traditional models based on sites visits, literary and electronic review.
- Evaluate communication strategy, analyze and evaluate sources that may inform broader strategic or policy goals, identify and organize key information to communicate to target audience.
- Plan and coordinate community engagement sessions, workshops and sharing circles.
- Observe and apply the standards and principles identified in the OCAP.
- Observe Indigenous methodologies with respect to information gathering, community contact and all areas allied with the MKO mandate.
- Work with relevant governmental departments, First Nation organizations and northern First Nation communities to research, analyze, monitor and propose strategies for the development and implementation of MKO family law Template.
- Support capacity building and an accountability mechanism for northern First Nations pertaining to child and family program development.
- Engage with MKO First Nations about traditional customary codes, standards and practices pertaining to child and family matters.
- Collect and analyze MKO historical data.
- Attend and participate in MKO meetings when required.
- Assist in preparing presentations, briefing notes and other correspondence to MKO leadership.
- Other duties assigned

Experience and Qualifications:

- Minimum completion of post-secondary education in the field of social services with preference of college or university. Combination of work experience and education will be considered.
- Ability to understand one of the MKO languages
- A thorough understanding of First Nation Treaties, Inherent and Aboriginal rights and the unique issues pertaining to northern First Nations communities.
- Knowledge of the Canadian Human Rights Tribunal (CHRT) and the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People (UNDRIP).
- A thorough understanding of Federal policies, Provincial CFS policies and knowledge of First Nation CFS agencies.
- Commitment to the mission and goals of Manitoba Keewatinowi Okimakanak Inc.
- Ability to make connections and foster collaboration with internal and external partners.
- Ability to multi-task and meet challenging deadlines.
- Ability to work independently and effective in a team environment
- Must have strong work ethic and can work fast pace setting
- Excellent written and oral communication skills as well as exceptional interpersonal skills.
- Proficiency in Microsoft Office Software and Internet research tools.
- Must produce a Clear Child Abuse and Criminal Record checks
- Must be willing to travel and possess a valid driver's license.

Salary will commensurate upon experience and qualifications. Interested candidates are invited to submit a cover letter, resume and two references by 4:00 PM, November 16, 2021 to Dorothy Smith Email: Dorothy.smith@mkonorth.com. We thank all applicants, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

